

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Redwood Loop Nature Trail Accessibility Improvements **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Upgrade the existing Redwood Loop Nature Trail in Big Basin Redwoods State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Project will meet ADA grade requirements by raising trail profiles and rerouting. Project elements include replacing 700 sq. ft. of asphalt and 50 linear feet of redwood header between accessible parking and the trailhead, raising trail profiles in 3 locations from 18" to 3 ft. to meet slope requirements including constructing wood retaining walls, replacing two culverts, replacing, relocating and installing 1,000 linear feet of split rail fencing, installing 3 new accessible benches and trail signage and other associated repairs and improvements and rerouting 200 linear feet of trail and decompacting and revegetating 160 linear feet of abandoned trail. All work will be conducted outside of the marble murrelet breeding season.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Santa Cruz District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

X      Categorical Exemption      Class: 1      Section: 15301

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of the maintenance and repair of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion beyond existing use and is included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access" and "trails or road repairs" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4

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